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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOLLOWING CONVICTION FOR CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today following his conviction for participating in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

**Edward Henderson**, 49, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to 20 years in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 10, 2004, **Henderson** was found guilty of all five counts charged in a federal indictment returned on Feb. 26, 2003.

According to evidence presented during the trial, **Henderson** sold crack cocaine to an undercover law enforcement officer on four separate occasions. **Henderson** participated in the conspiracy, which was charged as the first count in the federal indictment, by acting as an intermediary, Graves explained, distributing crack cocaine and collecting money from customers at the door of apartments on E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. and E. 38<sup>th</sup> St.

Co-defendants **Jeffrey D. Tubbs**, 31, and **Kellie E. Allen**, 25, both of Kansas City, have pleaded guilty to the conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Jan. 7, 2003, and Jan. 30, 2003. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Tubbs** admitted that he supplied crack cocaine to **Henderson** and **Allen** on a regular basis and that he stored large amounts of cocaine at his residence. Law enforcement officers found approximately 500 grams of crack cocaine at **Tubbs'** residence on Jan. 30, 2003.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gregg C. Coonrod and Kathleen Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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